

Technical Fire Management

Advisory Committee Meeting

February 12, 2008
San Antonio, Texas

Attendees:

Aitor Bidaburu	BLM
Kevin Conn	FWS
Mark Koontz	NPS
Kitty Ortman	USFS R-1
Sheryl Page	USFS R-2
Jerome MacDonald	USFS R-3
Doug Ledgerwood	USFS R-6
Keith Satterfield	USFS R-6
Marty Bentley	USFS R-8
Reid Kenady	WI
Ann Kenady	WI

Absent: Craig Cook, BIA; Jamie Kingsbury, Line Officer; Tenna Biggs, R-4;
Neil Sugihara, R-5; Bill Reynolds, R-9

Host: Marty Bentley
Chairman: Mark Koontz
Recorder: Ann Kenady

Tuesday, February 12 @ 0800

Welcome and Introductions

New Committee members were introduced, upcoming changes were discussed. Keith Satterfield will be taking over for Doug Ledgerwood, Jerome MacDonald will be leaving (no replacement yet), and Lea Wofford will take over for Marty Bentley. The Committee contact list was updated.

Student Comments

Mark recapped the student responses to Modules II and III. In general, the feedback was positive for both modules. Students liked having TFM graduates present their projects. The Committee discussed the possibility of adding more such presentations, suggesting that, if time is a constraint, presentations could be offered in the evening instead of during class time.

The students want to know the final Friday agenda in advance to that they can arrange travel accordingly.

- **Action Item: WI will give advance notice to students for the final Friday schedule.**

Update from WI

Reid gave a summary of current class, noting that the current class has the highest number of students with only a high school education. Appropriate members were notified of outstanding tuition payments.

Washington Institute is in the process of reviewing options of accreditation through the University of Washington, University of Idaho and Humboldt State University. Course titles will remain the same, course descriptions will be updated. The current class will complete with credits from Colorado State University, the next class could possibly start with a different institution.

Reid talked about the success of the new format for the statistics module, which includes on-line, open book exams. Bob Loveless is still working on the on-line study plan review process.

- **Action Item: WI will notify the Committee as soon as any changes in accreditation are made.**
- **Action Item: WI will notify the Committee when the study plan review is on line.**

Final Project Presentations

Reid summarized panel member responsibilities, emphasizing that reviewers should read and grade the papers before the presentations. Marty requested contact information for panel members.

- **Action Item: WI will make copies of the student guide for Marty to distribute to panel members.**
- **Action Item: Deadline for submitting panel member selections is February 15th.**

OPM Policy Change on Positive Education Requirements

New TFM Certificate: The Committee discussed OPM decision to accept TFM certificate. Beginning with TFM-24, those desiring a certificate endorsed by WI and CSU will have to purchase all 18 credits.

- **Action Item: Mark, Reid and Dave will meet in April to discuss this further.**

TFM-23 Visitation Schedule:

- Math	October 15-19, 2007	
- Stats	Oct 29 - Nov 9, 2007	
- Economics	January 7-18, 2008	
- Fuels	March 3-14, 2008	Doug Ledgerwood, Ted Mason
- Ecology	May 5-16, 2008	Kevin Conn
- Management	Sept 29 - Oct 10, 2008	Jamie Kingsbury, Committee
- Projects	April 20-24, 2009	

Extending TFM to a 24 semester hour program:

The Committee agreed that adding semester hours was not a sufficient reason to add modules and voted unanimously not to extend TFM to 24 credits.

Other business:

Mark proposed that in the future, the spring meeting should be changed to a conference call, unless the agenda requires more time.

- **Action Item: At the October meeting Committee will discuss the option of changing the spring meeting to a conference call.**

Reid announced that tuition will be raised to \$9500.00 for TFM-24

TFM 24 Slot Allocations

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Agency/Region	Request	Release	Received	Extra Priority
NPS	2		2	
FWS	3		3	
BIA	3		3	
BLM	13		13	
R1	4		4	
R2	4		4	
R3	4		4	
R4	4		4	
R5	*		1	1
R6	3		3	2
R8	6	3	3	
R9	*		1	3
Total	48		45	

*Neil and Bill did not attend but were allotted one slot each

Next Meeting:

The fall meeting will be held in Bothell, WA on October 7th and 8th.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm